

# Threatening Clouds Hold Off Until Program Is Completed

## SAUER CARRIAGES FIRST PRIZE IN FLORAL PARADE

Second Award Is Made to Car Entered by R. B. Allport.

### MANY GOOD DESIGNS ENTERED

Conflicting Reports as to Postponement Cause Some to Stay Away, but Parade Is Spectacular and Interesting Affair.

While weather conditions and confusion caused by one postponement of the floral parade and a report given currency at the eleventh hour that a second postponement had been ordered curtailed the procession to one-half of the length for which preparations had been made, the final street parade of the Confederate Veterans' Reunion was a beautiful and picturesque spectacle of which its promoters and managers have every reason to feel proud.

Chief Marshal R. B. Allport, Chairman Moses Thalheimer, Claude L. Watkins and E. C. Pelouze, who formed the committee in charge of this event, were showered with congratulations last night upon the success they had achieved in the face of many difficulties.

The board of judges announced the award of prizes after reviewing the parade at Lee Circle, as follows:

First prize—Car No. 5, entered by C. F. Sauer, \$100.  
Second prize—Car No. 14, entered by R. B. Allport, \$50.  
Third prize—Judges divided in opinion between car No. 1, entered by C. L. Watkins, and car No. 13, entered by Grover C. Dula; cash award of \$40 divided between Mr. Watkins and Mr. Dula.

### CONFLICTING REPORTS

#### KEEP SOME CARS AWAY

There were forty-six cars on the entry list, but only twenty-six fell in line for the start. This was due to confusion caused by the conflicting reports concerning the time for the parade. The owners of the missing cars had been informed that the floral parade was postponed until 11 o'clock this morning because of the inclemency of the weather.

The committee decided early in the afternoon, however, to present the postponed parade before the exodus of visitors began. Positive announcement was made shortly after the noon hour that, unless rain interfered at 5 o'clock, the parade would form at the City Hall at that hour. Twenty of the entrants reported on time, and the marching column was formed. Shortly after the appointed hour the marching order was given by Chief Marshal Allport.

### HANDSOME CARS ENTERED

The board consisted of Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., Colonel and Mrs. Willis H. Chapman, of Greensboro, N. C.; Miss Yvonne Goldenberg, George J. Freedley, Lieutenant J. A. Holtzman, Miss Bertha Rankin and Miss Marie Rankin.

Two decorated cars at the head of the citizens' division that represented the Richmond Fire Department, under the supervision of Chief Jones, elicited complimentary comments all along the line of march. The two cars were decorated by members of the Fire Department.

The Sauer car, which won the first prize, carried as its centerpiece a gazebo, which hung from a canopy. Three women and a little girl occupying the seats under a canopy represented four generations of a well-known German family of Richmond—mother, daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter.

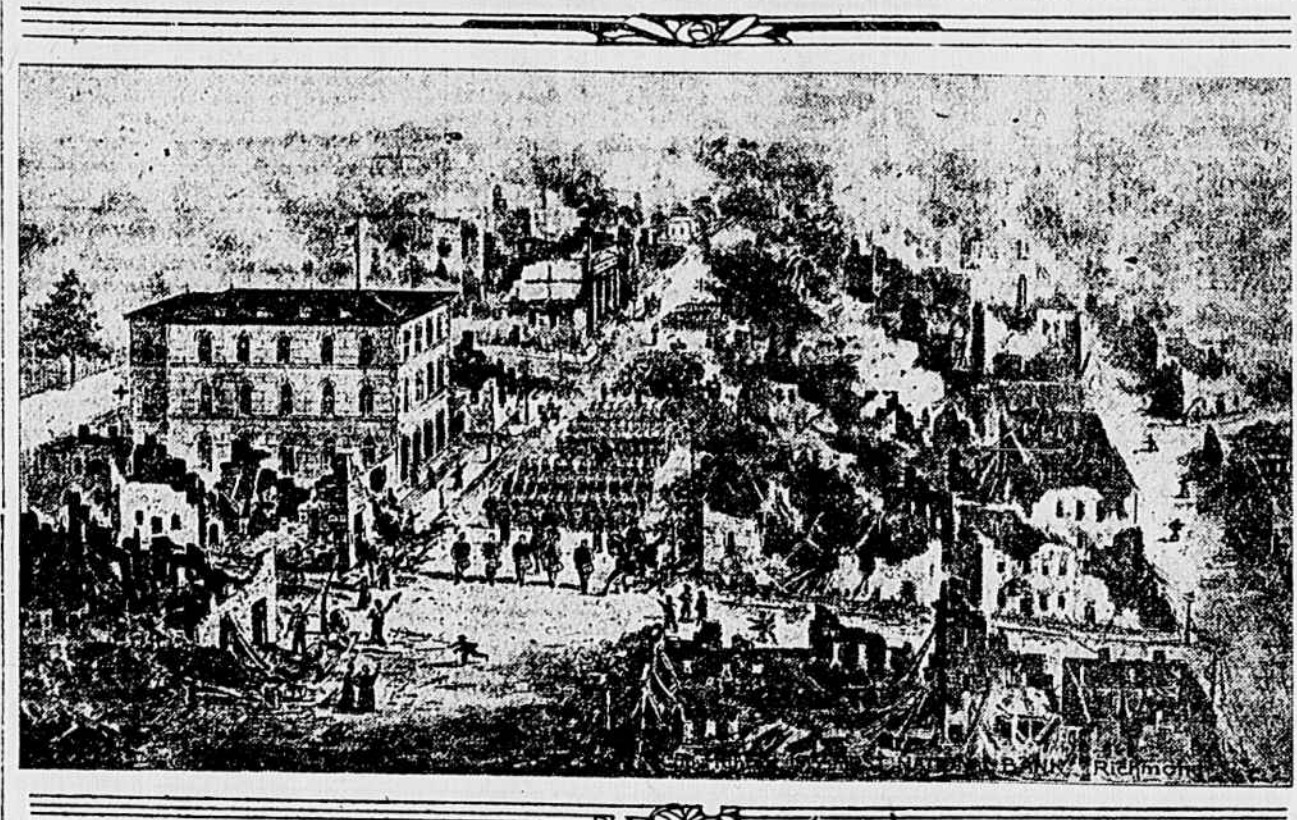
### CONTENTS OF CORNER-STONE

#### Valuable Relics Are Placed Under Jackson Monument

The box deposited yesterday afternoon in the corner-stone of the Stonewall Jackson equestrian statue, at the intersection of Monument Avenue and the Boulevard contains articles suggestive of the historic occasion, redolent of the glorious past of the South and reflective of the current life of the former capital of the Confederacy.

The list of contents of the box follows: A volume of the twenty-fifth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans; badge of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans; cross of honor; constitution of Stonewall Camp, Portsmouth, with list of officers; program of the twenty-fifth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans; proceedings of the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh annual meetings of the Grand Camp, Confederate Veterans of Virginia; catalog of portrait gallery of Virginia R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, United Confederate Veterans; uniform and dress of the army of the Confederate States; package of Confederate money; roster of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans; "Stonewall Jackson at Chancellorsville," by James Power Smith, a member of his staff; a description of seal and flag of Virginia; membership Chamber of Commerce, Richmond.

## Parade of Federal Troops Entering Richmond Fifty Years Ago



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## SCHOOL CHILDREN FORM TUNEFUL HUMAN FLAG

Great Chorus Facing Rejoicing Stand Is Picturesque Feature of Parade.

### DIRECTED BY W. C. MERCER

Happy as Larks, Youngsters Stick at Their Posts Through Long Delays, and Burst Into Song as Column Appears.

Few of the many picturesque features attendant upon the great parade yesterday attracted more attention or aroused more comment than the singing "human flag" formed by school children, under the direction of Walter C. Mercer, near the Lee Monument.

On a stand that sloped up at an angle of more than forty-five degrees, erected on one of the quadrants at the southwestern intersection of Monument and Allen Avenues, more than 600 children, representing every one of the public schools of Richmond, assembled. All the boys were white, but some of the girls were dressed in red and some in blue, so that, when they were arranged according to Mr. Mercer's plan, they formed a perfect and living battle flag of the Confederacy.

At 10 o'clock in the morning, every child who was to take part had appeared—some of them having arrived as early as 8—and there they remained all through the damp, misty and rainy day, until 4 o'clock, when the last section of the parade passed the reviewing stand.

### YOUNGSTERS STICK TO THEIR POSTS THROUGH LONG HOURS

Happy as larks, these children, ranging in age from ten to fifteen years, never left their exposed positions, but bravely stood, or sat, through the long hours. And every few minutes throughout the day they burst into song, cheering the tired men and women who were waiting for the parade, and brightening the murky atmosphere for those who feared the rain. "Maryland," "Dixie," "The Bonnie Blue Flag," "Hurrah for the Sunny South" and a long list of other songs of the Confederacy and of the South came floating out from the flag—beautiful to see and beautiful to hear.

As each command came to the reviewing stand, immediately in front of the statue of General Lee, it saw the rippling, waving flag of children just ahead, and an instant later it heard the flag singing. The clear, fresh voices of children rang out in bright chorus that sounded over and through the day.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

#### Several Visiting Veterans Are Taken to Virginia Hospital.

Ambulance Surgeons Pitkowitz and Fletcher, who served yesterday with the "first ambulance," were called upon to treat several of the veterans who came here for the reunion. Each of the men was in need of medical attention, due to internal disorders, and each was taken to Virginia Hospital.

W. M. Sexton, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Joseph Walker and W. S. Parker, of Huntsville, Va., were the men. They had been taken ill at Camp Stuart hospital and were removed to the city institution when their condition began to grow worse. They were not thought to be in a serious way last night.

Ben Rosenstein, 519 North Seventeenth Street, was treated by the surgeons for severe cuts about the head. He was injured when a wardrobe, which he was moving to another house, fell off a wagon on top of him.

Lottie Rhoads, 1715 East Main Street, fell down a flight of steps in the rear of her house yesterday and suffered a number of cuts and bruises, as well as a sprained ankle. She was treated by the surgeons, as was H. A. Pink, 5 Meadowbridge Road, who walked into an open elevator shaft at the Richmond Hotel and fell to the floor below. He was delivering bread from the A. B. C. Bakery at the time.

Dr. Fletcher, with Dr. Childress, both of whom are members of this year's graduating class of the Medical College of Virginia, are receiving their first actual experience on the ambulance. They will succeed Drs. Pitkowitz and Gogman as the regular ambulance surgeons on July 1, when the terms of the latter-named surgeons expire. Dr. Childress and Fletcher will serve on the ambulance for a period of one year.

## FORMS ORGANIZATION TO MARK BATTLE FIELDS

New Association Also Plans Road Around City Connecting Outer Defenses.

### NETWORK OF OTHER ROADS

Committees Appointed and Preliminary Engineering Work Is to Start at Once—Aid of Government to Be Asked Later.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Association for the Marking of the Battle Fields Around Richmond held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the directors' rooms of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company a working start was made on a plan to surround Richmond with a road following the line of its outer defenses during the War Between the States, marking the principal fortifications in some suitable way, building additional roads linking the main thoroughfare with the battle fields and marking those fields. The plan contemplates the raising of a fund by private subscription, when that is done to ask aid of the city and State and when the city and State have joined in the movement and made it plain that Virginia and Richmond are in earnest in the undertaking, to ask the aid of the general government. The executive committee lost no time in getting to work, as the organization was only formed the day before.

### MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

#### AT LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY

The meeting to discuss the proposed marking of the battle fields was held Wednesday at the residence of Stanhope Bolling, 1005 Grove Avenue, who invited a number of well-known men to luncheon for the purpose of launching the project. Those present were Governor H. C. Stuart, Governor Richard I. Manning, of South Carolina; Colonel Henry C. Douglas, of New York; Congressman Andrew Jackson Montague; Joseph Packard, of Baltimore; George W. Stevens, Wyndham R. Meredith, Levin Joyner, Colonel Barton H. Grundy, Charles E. Bolling, Blair Bolling, Eppa Hunton, Jr., J. T. Anderson, C. D. Langhorne, Ekbert G. Leigh, Lilburn T. Myers, Dr. George Ben Johnston, Dr. Joseph A. White, William H. White, Dr. W. T. Openheimer. A number of addresses were made, and on motion of Dr. George Ben Johnston the meeting resolved itself into an association for the marking of the battle fields around Richmond. The following, on motion, were named as the executive committee: George W. Stevens (chairman), Eppa Hunton, Jr., Ekbert Leigh, Charles E. Bolling, William H. White, Dr. George Ben Johnston and Wyndham R. Meredith.

At the meeting of the executive committee held yesterday morning William H. White submitted a Federal map made in 1861, showing what was designated as "the rebel fortifications of Richmond." City Engineer Charles E. Bolling also exhibited government maps showing the defenses of the city.

The meeting lasted for two hours, and every aspect of the matter at issue was considered. After discussion it was decided to begin work looking to the construction of a broad road by the outer defenses of Richmond all around from the north to the south of Richmond, this thoroughfare to be something after the fashion of the Ring Strasse in Vienna. In addition there would be under the plans launched yesterday a network of roads connecting the battle fields with the principal thoroughfare and with one another, and the battle fields themselves would be appropriately marked.

With such a system of roads and marking of the battle grounds, it is pointed out by the promoters of the movement, students of the war game and tourists would be tremendously aided in getting an intelligent idea of Richmond's defenses and how tactical problems were worked out by the military men who directed the conflicts of the sixties.

Dr. George Ben Johnston and Charles E. Bolling were appointed a committee to employ the necessary engineering corps to map out the general plan. It will take, it is calculated, something like sixty days to do this. After the plan in broad outline has been

worked out and something tangible has been formulated the War Department will be asked by Congressman Montague to lend the assistance of an army engineer for the further development of the undertaking.

President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, offered the aid of one or two of the engineers of his road, and the committee hopes that Colonel Henry C. Douglas, of New York, who attended the luncheon at the residence of Mr. Bolling, and who held a number of the most important of the fortifications, will come to Richmond and spend two weeks aiding in getting the project in proper shape for the application to be made for the co-operation of the War Department.

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